

REVIEWED BY MDAC

DATE 3.30.81

PRESS GUIDANCE

RDS ☐ or XDS ☐ EXT. DATE

TS AUTH. _____ REASON(S) (If Asked Only)

ENDORSE EXISTING MARKINGS ☐

DECLASSIFIED ☐ RELEASABLE ☒

RELEASE DENIED ☐

PA or FOI Assassination of Ambassador Dubs

February 21, 1980

(R)

Q: With regard to this morning's story in the New York Times, did the Department's Office for Combatting Terrorism keep a log of its actions in the Dubs incident?

A: Yes.

Q: Was the information in the log taken into account in the preparation of the Department's report on the incident?

A: Yes.

Q: Did the Department suggest that the US Embassy in Kabul contact influential religious leaders in Afghanistan?

A: Yes, the Department did suggest to the Embassy that such action be taken, but in the brief period of the incident it was not possible for the Embassy to pursue this suggestion.

Q: Was any action taken to contact the Soviet Embassy?

A: Not specifically, though US Embassy officers talked with Soviet personnel on the incident scene, including a senior Soviet security advisor.

Q: Is it true, as the Times story implies, that the Department's log of this incident was altered after the

events in question?

A: The log was prepared from notes taken during the incident. There was no ex post facto alteration of it.

#

Draft: D/CT - LHeyniger x-27253

Clear: D/CT - ACEQuainton # la

NEA/PAB - RLorton # la

A/SY - VStMars # la